Local Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 1001. GENERAL SCOPE; APPLICABILITY OF DISTRICT COURT LOCAL RULES; ATTORNEY ADMISSIONS AND DUTIES; JUDGE'S REGULATIONS AND CLERK'S INTERNAL OPERATING PROCEDURES.

(a) <u>Title</u>

These Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Forms govern procedure in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Texas. These rules may be abbreviated in citations as "LBR," and the forms may be abbreviated as a "TXEB Local Form." These rules must be construed consistently with the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure ("Fed. R. Bankr. P.") to secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every case and proceeding.

(b) Scope and Effective Date

- 1. These Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, as amended, become effective October 17, 2005. These Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, as amended, supersede all Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure issued prior to October 17, 2005, and they govern a case, contested matter, or proceeding pending or commenced after such date with the following exceptions:
 - (A) the provisions of LBRs 2016(h), 3015(e), and 3015(g) pertaining to Chapter 13 practice shall apply only to cases filed on or after October 17, 2005 and Chapter 13 cases existing prior to October 17, 2005 shall continue to be governed by previous confirmation procedures and compensation rules;
 - (B) any LBR which pertains to statutory authority applicable only to cases filed on or after October 17, 2005, shall apply only to cases filed on or after October 17, 2005.
- 2. Any appendix or local form to these Local Rules may be modified by the Court without the necessity of a formal amendment to the Local Rules.
- 3. On motion of a party in interest, the Court may -- for the convenience of the parties or other good cause -- suspend or modify any Local Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure in a particular case.
- 4. These Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may be superseded or modified with respect to documents filed, signed or verified by electronic means in compliance with the *Administrative Procedures for the Filing, Signing, and Verifying of Documents by Electronic Means* as set forth in TXEB

Appendix 5005 and such Appendix controls in the event of a conflict between its procedures and these Local Rules. The procedures for electronic filing set forth in TXEB Appendix 5005 may be modified by the Court from time to time without the necessity of a formal amendment to these Local Rules.

(c) <u>Incorporated Local Court Rules of the United States District Court</u> (the "District Court Rules")

- 1. The District Court Rules governing attorney admission, suspension, and disbarment apply in the Bankruptcy Court; provided, however, "Court" or "Clerk" in the District Court Rules means the Bankruptcy Court or Bankruptcy Clerk when an attorney appears in Bankruptcy Court.
- 2. Other Local Court Rules of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas do not apply in the Bankruptcy Court, except as specified in these Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure or in a separate order of the Court.

(d) Admission Pro Hac Vice

A request for temporary admittance when an attorney is not admitted to practice in the Eastern District of Texas is governed by the Eastern District Court Rule AT-1 except that the Court will rule upon the application and the prescribed fee is waived if the attorney has not previously asked for temporary admittance within one year of the request. An attorney must attach a separate proposed order to the request.

(e) Attorney Obligation to Court

An attorney must promptly notify the Court of a formal grievance proceeding, disbarment, suspension, or other status change which impacts such person's eligibility to practice law.

(f) [Reserved for Future Use]

(g) <u>Judges' Regulations</u>

Each bankruptcy judge may adopt regulations in accordance with Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9029(b). TXEB Appendix 1001-g contains the current regulations and must be carefully reviewed as the regulations may make important additions or modifications to these Rules.

(h) <u>Clerk's Internal Operating Procedures</u>

TXEB Appendix 1001-h contains the Clerk's internal operating procedures..

(i) Standards of Litigation Conduct

The standards for attorney conduct set forth in the Local District Court Rule AT-3 and the Texas Lawyers Creed apply in the Bankruptcy Court.